

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-22, 24-39, and 43-46 are pending for examination with claims 1, 16, 27, 34, 37, 43, and 45 being independent claims. Applicant agrees that the interview of September 8, 2005 concluded with Examiner Yang agreeing to withdraw the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and to review Applicant's arguments regarding claim 16. However, the Interview Summary indicates that Jeffery Brier participated in the interview of September 8, 2005. Applicant has no recollection or knows of any reason why Jeffery Brier would participate in the meeting or if his presence was made known to Applicant's attorney listed below. In the response filed September 22, 2005, Applicant has additionally supplied a description of the substance of the interview of September 8, 2005 and various other discussions between Applicant's attorney and Examiner Yang leading up to and after the interview of September 8, 2005. If the description provided in the response filed September 22, 2005 is considered insufficient, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner Yang contact Applicant's attorney by telephone to request further details.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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